

HB 709 -- Missourians with Disabilities Jobs Act

Sponsor: Grisamore

This bill establishes the Missourians with Disabilities Jobs Act of 2013. The Division of Purchasing and Materials Management of the Office of Administration must:

- (1) Set a goal of procuring at least 3% of goods and services from qualifying vendors;
- (2) Develop and maintain a list of goods and services that are available from qualifying vendors and are suitable for procurement by state agencies and political subdivisions. The list must be distributed to the purchasing officers of all state agencies, and all products offered by a qualifying vendor must have significant value added by blind or significantly disabled persons;
- (3) Approve pricing for goods and services;
- (4) Review bids received by qualifying vendors; and
- (5) Award and renew contracts for the purchase of goods and services without a competitive bidding process.

Individuals with a qualifying disability must be paid at least minimum wage for any direct hours performed to fulfill any contract awarded under these provisions. Goods and services that may be purchased must not exceed \$25 million unless increased by the Office of Administration.

The Office of Administration must:

- (1) Determine the fair market price for all products and services offered by a qualifying vendor that at least covers the costs of raw materials, labor, overhead and delivery. The fair market price must be competitive with the cost of procuring the goods or services from another source; and
- (2) Assess the suitability of any additions to the procurement list by considering the interest of small and disadvantaged-owned businesses and determining if the addition would have a severe adverse impact on a current commodity or service contractor.

The Governor is authorized to appoint a committee of at least five senior state agency procurement officials and at least one representative of a qualified nonprofit agency for the blind, one qualified nonprofit agency for the significantly disabled, and one private citizen to collaborate to further the act. This committee

must not be paid, does not require appropriation, and would only serve in an advisory capacity.